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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

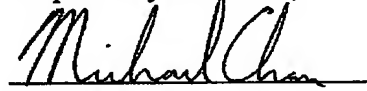
Claim 27 is canceled. Claim 28 is amended. Accordingly, claims 22-26, 28, and 38-47 are pending.

The Office Action states that claim 28 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and complying with double patenting statutes. Claim 28 is rewritten in independent form. It is believed that claim 28 is in condition for allowance.

Allowance of claims 22-26 and 38-47 is hereby acknowledged.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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